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6. I may also call the attention of Government to the fact that some work has been done and is still being done with tobacco improvement on the Guntur Experiment Station. In 1923–24 local, Pusa, and Virginia varieties were tried side by side and this work has been continued ever since. Curing was done on the farm but not by the flue process and good quality which commanded a good price was obtained. Low yields have been obtained in recent years due probably to bad seasons.

7. With our present resources I think that we are now doing all that is possible or really necessary with this crop.

Appendix X.

[Vide answer to question No. 269 asked by Dr. B. S. Mallayya at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 10th August 1929, page 474 supra.]

Annexure.

Date.	Number of tour days.	Places visited.	Number of days halted.	Purpose.
December 1922, 16th to 20th.	4	Calicut	1	To inspect the Soap Factory, Calicut.
February 1923, 17th to 19th.	2	Trichinopoly ..	1	To discuss with the President Sir T. Desikachariyar preliminary details in connexion with the Leather Industries Committee appointed in G.O. No. 148, dated 25th January 1923, and to inspect tanneries.
November 1923, 2nd to 9th.	7	Calicut .. .. Coonoor	2 2	Inspection of Soap Factory at Calicut and inspection of Fruit Preserving Institute, Coonoor.
March 1924, 17th to 20th.	3	Calicut	1	To settle an urgent matter in regard to the conduct of a member of the staff of the Institute.
April 1924, 5th to 13th.	8	Calicut .. .. Coonoor	2 3	Annual stock-taking at the Kerala Soap Institute, Calicut, and the Fruit Preserving Institute, Coonoor.
May 1924, 13th to 18th.	5	Calicut .. .. Ootacamund ..	1 1	To inspect the Soap Factory at Calicut and to arrange for the execution of a large order for the Controller of Contracts and to consult with the Director of Industries at Ootacamund.
October 1924, 5th to 20th.	15	Madura	2	Inspection of the Government Industrial Institute, Madura, and interviewing applicants for appointment as stockists for the products of the Kerala Soap Institute.
		Tanjore	1	Inspection of the Office of the Assistant Industrial Engineer and interview with the agent for the Kerala Soap Institute at Tanjore.
		Coonoor	7	To discuss with Sir Frederick Nicholson and the Business Manager the development of the sales organization and the future of the Fruit Preserving Institute generally preliminary to the submission of a report to Government.

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March 1925, 10th to 16th.	5	Coonoor	4	To arrange for the continuance of the Fruit Preserving Institute beyond 31st March 1925 and to inspect the sericultural operations of the Department at Coonoor.
April 1926, 11th to 15th.	4	Do.	2	To arrange for the winding up of the affairs of the Fruit Preserving Institute and to inspect the sericultural operations of the department at Coonoor.
May and June 1926, 27th May to 3rd June.	6	Ootacamund .. Coonoor .. .. Calicut	2 2 ..	In connexion with the winding up of the affairs of the Fruit Preserving Institute to discuss with the Director of Agriculture and Mr. S. Holmes the offers received from them for certain of the assets and to examine in conjunction with the Assistant Agricultural Engineer, the machinery and plant of the factory, inspect the mulberry plantation at Coonoor and the Kerala Soap Institute, Calicut, and to discuss matters with the Director of Industries.
October 1926, 21st to 26th.	5	Godavari ..	3	Inspection of the Carnatic Paper Mills with a view to the submission of a report to Government.
November 1926, 25th to 29th.	4	Coonoor	2	To settle outstanding questions in connexion with the disposal of the assets of the defunct Fruit Preserving Institute, Coonoor.
December 1926 —January 1927, 28th December 1926 to 3rd January 1927.	5	Calicut .. .. Areakode. Mangalore.	1	Inspection of the Kerala Soap Institute, Calicut, and of the Industrial school and the work carried on by the Young Men Christian Association at Areakode. Inspection of factories and workshops on the West Coast and discussions with local authorities with a view to the preliminary selection of a centre for the establishment of the projected Industrial School.
February 1927, 18th to 25th.	5	Mangalore .. Coondapoor.	..	To inspect the Canara Rice and Saw Mills (State aided) with a view to deciding whether the unexpended balance of the loan should be refunded and if not in what manner it should be applied.
April 1927, 4th to 8th.	4	Calicut	3	Annual stock-taking at the Kerala Soap Institute.
May and June 1927, 30th to 3rd.	3	Tanjore and Dindigul.	1	Inspection of groundnut decorticating factories in connexion with the preparation of a departmental bulletin on groundnut decortication.
September 1927, 12th to 14th.	2	Coimbatore ..	..	Tour of inspection.
December 4th.	1	Poonamallee ..	..	Do.
December 27th to 1st January 1928.	4	Kuppam	1	Do.*

* Tours performed by Officiating Deputy Director.

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January 1928, 13th to 15th.	2	Nellore	1	Tour of inspection.
17th to 18th.	1	Tanjore	..	Inspection of the St. Xavier's Industrial School, Tanjore.
March 1928, 8th to 11th.	3	Rajahmundry ..	1	To take over charge of the land, machinery, plant and buildings belonging to the Carnatic Paper Mills.
April 1928, 7th to 12th.	5	Calicut	3	To conduct the annual stock-taking of the Kerala Soap Institute and to discuss certain schemes and proposals with the Superintendent.
June 1928, 9th to 11th.	2	Kallakurichi ..	..*	Inspection of the oil expeller experiments and of the four factories of the Kallakurichi Co-operative and Industrial Society.
June 1928, 16th to 19th.	3	Madura	1	To inspect the Government Industrial Institute, Madura, and to discuss certain questions with the Superintendent prior to his proceeding on leave.
September 28, 6th to 8th.	2	Calicut	1	To inspect the Kerala Soap Institute, Calicut, and to discuss with the Superintendent details of Part II schemes for the next year's budget.
January 29, 18th to 22nd.	4	Coonoor	2	To inspect the sericultural farm and to devise measures for dealing with the fungus disease. To consult with the Curator, Government Parks, in regard to the cultivation of gambier. To check the stock of the defunct Fruit Preserving Institute as required by the Auditors and to discuss with Sir Frederick Nicholson the progress of his experiments on fruit preservation and the arrangements for storing the items of plant in his custody during his ensuing absence in England.
31st March 1929 to 7th April 1929.	7	Ootacamund ..	..	Investigation of application for a loan under the State Aid to Industries Act received from Mr. J. P. Parry for the purpose of developing the wattle industry.
		Calicut	2	Annual stock-taking of the Kerala Soap Institute and discussion of pending questions with the Superintendent.

* Tour performed by Deputy Director as Officiating Industrial Engineer.